

July 9, 2002

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA (WES THOMPSON RANCH)
ANNEXATION NO. 2001-01 (96-01)
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSENT TO WAIVE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION PROTEST PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to provide the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (LAFCO) with a written waiver of the protest proceedings for the proposed annexation, pursuant to Section 56663(c)(2) of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On June 4, 2002, your Board adopted a Joint Resolution between the County and the City of Santa Clarita (City) accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenue as a result of the proposed annexation, which is required for LAFCO to proceed with its consideration of the proposal.

On June 25, 2002, the City requested the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the County, to provide LAFCO with written consent to waive LAFCO's protest proceedings. The purpose of the waiver is to expedite the LAFCO process to consider the annexation for final approval. If all of the public agencies and the landowner involved in the process consent to the waiver, the need for a LAFCO protest hearing is eliminated and LAFCO may order the annexation at its first hearing on the proposal.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Section 56663(c), LAFCO may waive protest proceedings when the proposed territory is uninhabited if, (1) the affected agencies that will gain or lose territory as a result of the change of organization or reorganization have consented in writing to a waiver of protest proceedings, and (2) the affected owners of land have also agreed to the waiver. The territory proposed for annexation to the City is uninhabited. The City and the landowner, ABD Thompson, have provided LAFCO with consent to waive the protest proceedings. Upon your Board's authorization, the Chief Administrative Officer will provide LAFCO with a similar waiver.

CONCLUSION

At such time as the recommendation is approved by your Board, please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office, Office of Unincorporated Area Services and Special Projects.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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c: City of Santa Clarita
Local Agency Formation Commission
County Counsel